



Tracking Claims Pended for Fiscal Reasons

How to determine that your claim is pended for fiscal reasons

The remittance advice will show an “Amount Paid by Medicaid,” but the “Remarks” column will indicate a status of “FISCPEND.”

Why your claim is in a “FISCPEND” status

Claims are fiscally pended when the budget for the fiscal year in which the service took place is exhausted. MassHealth must then await the passage of a supplemental budget for that fiscal year by the state legislature before it can release the payment. A “FISCPEND” claim status should be posted as a “PAID” claim even though the payment has not yet been released to your facility. This will prevent you from rebilling the claim unnecessarily. The claim has passed all technical processing edits and reimbursement will follow at a later date.

How to track a “FISCPEND” claim

Once funding for the fiscal year is received the “Amount Paid by Medicaid” will be released to your facility and the claim will appear again on a remittance advice. The transaction control number (TCN) will be the same as on the original remittance advice where the “FISCPEND” took place.

“Remarks” for a released claim

On the remittance advice where the payment is released, the “Remarks” column will indicate “RELFISC.”

Payment

The payment will be included in the reimbursement amount that corresponds to the remittance advice where the “RELFISC” transaction occurs.